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Applicant : Keith David Bussell Confirmation No. 7076  
Application No. : 09/692,746  
Filed : October 18, 2000  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DIGITALLY SIGNING AN  
ADVERTISEMENT AREA NEXT TO A VALUE-BEARING ITEM  
  
Grp./Div. : 3621  
Examiner : Firmin Backer  
  
Docket No. : 40624/SAH/S850

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER  
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office action dated January 19, 2005 of the Primary Examiner's final action of claims 1-15 and 19-51.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and the fee are enclosed.  
☒ Our check for \$500 to cover the fee for this appeal is enclosed.  
☐ A Small Entity Claim is enclosed.  
☐ No fee is required for this Notice of Appeal because the fee was paid in a prior appeal.

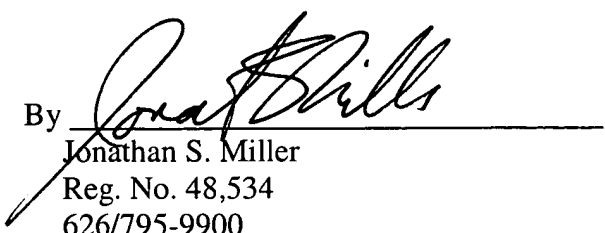
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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